Before the Board of Zoning Adjustment, D. C.

Application No. 11444, of David J. and Erma Dubois pursuant to Section 8207.11 of the Zoning Regulations for a variance from the 900 square feet minimum lot dimensions requirement as provided by Section 3101.1 as amended on June 27, 1963 to convert a two family flat in a R-4 District to a three unit apartment building to include the basement at the premises of 1115 Independence Avenue, S.E., Lot 814, Square 990.

PUBLIC HEARING: August 29, 1973

EXECUTIVE SESSION: September 11, 1973

FINDINGS OF FACT:

- 1. The property is presently being used in a matter consistent with its zoned purpose.
- 2. At the time of purchase of the property, the owner was aware of the use he could make of the property.
- 3. The applicant needs the requested variance to benefit himself economically, by converting the existing basement to an apartment.
- 4. Opposition voiced at the public hearing included arguments that applicant had not established a practical difficulty or hardship as prescribed by the variance clause of the Regulations.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:

Based upon the above findings of fact, the Board is of the opinion that the applicant has not established the existence of a hardship as required for the granting of a variance. The property was purchased for its present use and is being used as such. The applicant has failed to prove a practical difficulty inherent in the property which is necessary under Section 8207.11 of the Zoning Regulations.

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ORDERED:

That the above application be DENIED.

VOTE: 5-0

ATTESTED By:

JAMES E. MILLER

Assistant Secretary

for the Board

FINAL DATE OF THIS ORDER: 007 18 1973